James: Pick a Side

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James 4:1-10



We all have a choice to make. James 4:1-10 points out that you can be a friend of the world or a friend of God. Both options talk a good game, but one of them is empty and one is full of life. Friendship with God requires us to turn away from friendship with the world toward humility and repentance because God will lift us up.

Getting Started

We began Sunday's message with a little game—which box to choose. Have you ever had to guess and pick on a prize? Did you pick the right thing?

Read

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Digging Deeper

- The text above asks a simple question: from what do we need to turn? The answer: friendship with the world. Does this resonate with you? Do you feel this need? What friendships with the world do you specifically need to turn from?
- The text above asks another simple question: to what do we need to turn? The answer: Humility—properly placing God, others and ourselves in our lives. How can you turn to this kind of humility?
- Of the ten questions asked on Sunday (listed below) from the "Pride Quiz", which sticks out to you? Did you sense God speaking to you through any of these questions?



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Ten Questions to ask ourselves...

- 1. If you think you don't, you probably do.
- 2. How entitled do you feel?
- 3. Are you a people pleaser?
- 4. Are you rebellious, have a hard time following rules?
- 5. Do you accept constructive criticism well from others?
- 6. Are you stubborn?
- 7. Do you lose well, is it hard to admit you were wrong?
- 8. Do you have a hard time hanging out with people you think are unpopular?
- 9. Do you have a hard time asking others for help?
- 10. Do you have a fear of not being in control?

